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Dear Ms. Topper,

As the owner of a busy Metropolitan Pharmacy, I am writing to share my experience dispensing opiate analgesics both short and long acting. While we may occasionally call the physician about a suspicious prescription, what we see in the substantial majority of patients receiving opiate analgesics is appropriate relief of pain and restoration of function. The last thing these patients need is additional restrictions or limitations, especially those patients with chronic pain.

The concerns about illicit or abusive use of these medications is well known. In my opinion, non-intentional usage results from inappropriate patient selection. Long acting pain medications used in appropriate patients does a world of good and is very necessary in maintaining an acceptable quality of life. To restrict usage will only hurt the legitimate patient. The abuser will just switch to another drug.

Sincerely Yours,


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